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## **WSP Missing & Exploited Children Task Force Arrest Longview Man**

The Washington State Patrol Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF), which is comprised of detectives from the WSP, Lakewood and Puyallup Police Departments, made an arrest early this morning with the assistance of the Longview Police Department.

MECTF obtained information from a Yahoo Internet Provider through the National Missing and Exploited Children Center, that a 40 year old male from Washington State had been distributing several child sexual images using a Yahoo account.

After further investigation by MECTF detectives, it was determined that the man was a Longview resident and allegedly dealing in depictions of minors in a sexually explicit manner.

At approximately 9:00 a.m., 40 year old Kelly W.L. Tansill, of the 3000 block of Pennsylvania Avenue with-in a half block of the Columbia Valley Garden Elementary School was taken into custody. He was arrested for Possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and/or Dealing in depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and Sending, bringing into state depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, Possession of controlled substance Methamphetamine and Possession/use of drug paraphernalia. MECTF detectives questioned, and then booked Tansill into the Cowlitz County Jail. His house was searched and three computers and were taken as evidence. The WSP Computer Crimes Unit will conduct a forensic analysis of the computer to determine the extent of the crime.

Detectives with the Washington State Patrol MECTF unit have closed 69 cases in the last 12 months for sexually related computer crimes and missing children cases. Child Pornography continues to be a growing national problem and WSP Detectives continue to make arrests.

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